

1 This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings:  
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3 **Listing of Claims:**  
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5 1. (currently amended) A computer program product encoding a  
6 computer program for executing on a computer system a computer process for  
7 simulating performance of a software system including one or more resources, the  
8 computer process comprising:

9 generating one or more workload definition sequences defining the  
10 software system, each workload definition sequence including a plurality of  
11 workload request nodes and each of the workload request nodes defining one or  
12 more component events, the workload definition sequence including at least two  
13 of the workload request nodes having a sequential relationship relative to different  
14 simulation intervals;

15 receiving the one or more workload definition sequence sequences into an  
16 evaluation engine; and

17 evaluating the one or more workload definition sequences to simulate the  
18 performance of the software system, the evaluating operation comprising:

19 selecting, according to a run-time policy and for at least one of the  
20 component events, one of a plurality of hardware model instances associated with  
21 one of the one or more resources included in the software system.  
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23 2. (currently amended) The computer program product of claim 1  
24 wherein each request node is defined independently of any of a specific the  
25 hardware model instance instances.

1           3.     (currently amended) The computer program product of claim 1  
2 wherein each workload request node defines a transaction associated with a  
3 resource one of the one or more resources included in the software system.

4           4.     (canceled)

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6           5.     (original) The computer program product of claim 1 wherein the one  
7 or more workload sequences are generated prior to the receiving and evaluating  
8 operations and substantially define all workload request nodes for simulating  
9 performance of the software system.

10          6.     (currently amended) The computer program product of claim 1  
11 wherein each workload request node defines a device option characterizing  
12 constraints on how the workload request node may be assigned to a resource one  
13 of the one or more resources included in the software system.

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15          7.     (original) The computer program product of claim 1 wherein at least  
16 one workload sequence includes a fork node defining a split of one workload  
17 sequence branch into a plurality of workload sequence branches.

18          8.     (original) The computer program product of claim 1 wherein at least  
19 one workload sequence includes a join node defining a combination of a plurality  
20 of workload sequence branches into a single workload sequence branch.

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22          9.     (original) The computer program product of claim 1 wherein the  
23 computer process further comprises:

24               receiving at least one of a monitoring trace, statistical data, and a workload  
25 specification to generate the one or more workload definition sequences.

1           **10.**     (currently amended) The computer program product of claim [[1]]  
2     wherein the operation of receiving at least one of a monitoring trace, statistical  
3     data, and a workload specification comprises:

4           receiving the monitoring trace defining a sequence of software system  
5     requests relating to an application request associated with the application.

6           **11.**     (currently amended) The computer program product of claim [[1]]  
7     wherein the operation of receiving at least one of a monitoring trace, statistical  
8     data, and a workload specification comprises:

9           receiving the statistical data defining a statistical distribution of one or  
10    more application requests associated with the application.

11           **12.**    (currently amended) The computer program product of claim [[1]]  
12    wherein the operation of receiving at least one of a monitoring trace, statistical  
13    data, and a workload specification comprises:

14           receiving the workload specification defining a set of resource request  
15    descriptions associated with the software system.

16           **13.**     (currently amended) The computer program product of claim 1  
17    wherein each workload definition sequence comprises a start node associated with  
18    a start time, and the ~~simulating~~ evaluating operation comprises:

19           activating at least one of the workload definition sequences, if the start time  
20    associated with the start node of the workload definition sequence satisfies the  
21    simulation interval value.  
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1           14.     (currently amended) The computer program product of claim 1  
2 wherein the simulation operation comprises:

3           ~~translating at least one of the workload request nodes into~~ said one or more  
4 component events are recorded in an event queue.

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6           15.     (canceled)

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8           16.     (canceled)

9           17.     (currently amended) The computer program product of claim 14  
10 wherein the evaluating operation further comprises:

11           ~~receiving, prior to the selecting operation,~~ one of the component events  
12 from the event queue;

13           ~~identifying, prior to the selecting operation,~~ a resource of the one or more  
14 resources included in the software system associated with the component event;  
15 and

16           ~~scheduling the component event with an instance of a hardware model~~  
17 ~~associated with the resource in the software system; and~~

18           ~~simulating, after the selecting operation,~~ the component event received  
19 from the event queue using the ~~instance of the hardware model~~ selected one of the  
20 plurality of hardware model instances.

1           18.     (currently amended) A performance simulation system for  
2     simulating performance of a software system, the performance simulation system  
3     comprising:

4           a workload generator generating one or more workload definition  
5     sequences defining the software system, each workload definition sequence  
6     including a plurality of workload request nodes and each of the workload request  
7     nodes defining one or more component events, the workload definition sequence  
8     including at least two of the workload request nodes having a sequential  
9     relationship relative to different simulation intervals; and

10          an evaluation engine receiving the one or more workload simulation  
11     sequences and evaluating the one or more workload definition sequences including  
12     by scheduling, according to a run-time policy and for at least one of the  
13     component events, one of a plurality of hardware model instances each  
14     representing a resource included in the software system to simulate the  
15     performance of the software system.

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17          19.     (currently amended) The performance simulation system of claim  
18     18 wherein each workload request node defines a transaction associated with a  
19     resource one of the resources included in the software system.

20          20.     (canceled)

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22          21.     (original) The performance simulation system of claim 18 wherein  
23     each workload request node defines a device option characterizing constraints on  
24     how the workload request node may be assigned to a resource in the software  
25     system.

1           22.     (original) The performance simulation system of claim 18 wherein  
2     at least one workload sequence includes a fork node defining a split of one  
3     workload sequence branch into a plurality of workload sequence branches.

4           23.     (original) The performance simulation system of claim 18 wherein  
5     at least one workload sequence includes a join node defining a combination of a  
6     plurality of workload sequence branches into a single workload sequence branch.

7           24.     (original) The performance simulation system of claim 18 wherein  
8     each workload definition sequence comprises a start node associated with a start  
9     time, and the evaluation engine comprises:

10           a simulation clock incrementing a simulation interval value; and

11           an activator activating one of the workload definition sequences, if the start  
12     time associated with the start node of the workload definition sequence satisfies  
13     the simulation interval value.

14           25.     (currently amended) The performance simulation system of claim  
15     18 wherein the evaluation engine comprises a sequence processor translating at  
16     least one of each of the workload request nodes into their defined one or more  
17     component events.

18           26.     (original) The performance simulation system of claim 25 wherein  
19     the evaluation engine comprises:

20           an event queue receiving the component events from the sequence  
21     processor.

1           27.     (currently amended) The performance simulation system of claim  
2 25 wherein the evaluation engine further comprises a scheduler module that  
3 performs the scheduling operation and is capable of scheduling all of the  
4 component events with hardware model instances that each represent assigning  
5 each component event to an instance of a hardware model representing a resource  
6 in the software system.

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8           28.     (canceled)

9           29.     (currently amended) The performance simulation system of claim  
10 18 wherein the evaluation engine comprises a simulator determining a duration of  
11 a component event assigning to an instance of a hardware model scheduled for one  
12 of the plurality of hardware model instances.  
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1           **30.**     (currently amended) A method of simulating performance of a  
2 software system including one or more resources, the method comprising:  
3           generating one or more workload definition sequences defining the  
4 software system, each workload definition sequence including a plurality of  
5 workload request nodes and each of the workload request nodes defining one or  
6 more component events, the workload definition sequence including at least two  
7 of the workload request nodes having a sequential relationship relative to different  
8 simulation intervals;

9           receiving the one or more workload definition sequence sequences into an  
10 evaluation engine; and

11           evaluating the one or more workload definition sequences to simulate the  
12 performance of the software system, the evaluating operation comprising:

13           selecting, according to a run-time policy and for at least one of the  
14 component events, one of a plurality of hardware model instances associated with  
15 one of the one or more resources included in the software system.

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17           **31.**     (currently amended) The method of claim 30 wherein each request  
18 node is defined independently of any of a specific the hardware model instance  
19 instances.

20           **32.**     (currently amended) The method of claim 30 wherein each  
21 workload request node defines a transaction associated with a resource one of the  
22 one or more resources included in the software system.

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24           **33.**     (canceled)  
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1           **34.**     (original) The method of claim 30 wherein the one or more  
2 workload sequences are generated prior to the receiving and evaluating operations  
3 and substantially define all workload request nodes for simulating performance of  
4 the software system.

5           **35.**     (currently amended) The method of claim 30 wherein each  
6 workload definition sequence comprises a start node associated with a start time,  
7 and the ~~simulating~~ evaluating operation comprises:

8                   activating at least one of the workload definition sequences, if the start time  
9 associated with the start node of the workload definition sequence satisfies the  
10 simulation interval value.

11           **36.**     (currently amended) The method of claim 30 wherein the  
12 ~~simulation operation comprises:~~

13                   ~~translating at least one of the workload request nodes into~~ said one or more  
14 component events are recorded in an event queue.

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16           **37.**     (canceled)

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18           **38.**     (canceled)

1           **39.**     (currently amended) The method of claim 36 where the evaluating  
2 operation further comprises:

3                 receiving, prior to the selecting operation, one of the component events  
4 from the event queue;

5                 identifying, prior to the selecting operation, a resource of the one or more  
6 resources included in the software system associated with the component event;  
7 and

8                 ~~scheduling the component event with an instance of a hardware model~~  
9 ~~associated with the resource in the software system; and~~

10                 simulating, after the selecting operation, the component event received  
11 from the event queue using the instance of the hardware model selected one of the  
12 plurality of hardware model instances.

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14           **40.**     (new) The computer program product of claim 1 wherein the run-  
15 time policy comprises a scheduling policy indicating which of the plurality of  
16 hardware model instances to select for said at least one of the component events  
17 based on which resource associated with a hardware model instance will first be  
18 free.

19           **41.**     (new) The computer program product of claim 1 wherein the  
20 selecting operation is based on a current load of each of said one or more  
21 resources included in the software system.  
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